# BEDROCK GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE PHILIP SMITH MOUNTAINS QUADRANGLE, ALASKA

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1976, and stations and traverses made in Paleozoic rocks in 1949, and 1950.

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### DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

SURFICIAL DEPOSITS, UNDIVIDED (Quaternary) -- Mostly glacial and alluvial deposits. Mapped and described in detail by Hamilton (1978) COLVILLE GROUP (Upper Cretaceous) -- Gray to olive-gray; medium bedded to massive quartz arenite to volcanic wacke with interbeds of laminated siltstone and shale, and abundant plant debris and coal fragments; some yellow-weathering very fine grained laminated vitric tuff. Mostly nonmarine. Exposed thickness about 60 m

NANUSHUK GROUP (Upper and Lower Cretaceous). In this quadrangle includes: CHANDLER FORMATION (Upper and Lower Cretaceous) -- Massive pebble to cobble conglomerate composed mainly of chert and quartz clasts; quartz arenite to quartz wacke, medium-bedded to massive; interbedded carbonaceous shale and siltstone, minor coal beds less than 30 cm thick. Scour marks and crossbedding common. Fluvial and shallow marine. Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian) pelecypods and Early Cretaceous (Albian) chaetopods. (See Table 1). Exposed thickness 440 m

TUKTU FORMATION (Lower Cretaceous) -- Gray; fine to very fine grained; thin to medium-bedded quartz wacke; ripple marked and crossbedded; interbedded micaceous siltstone and shale more abundant in lower part. Flute casts, load casts and drag marks common. Marine. Early Cretaceous (Albian) pelecypods, and cephalopods (see Table 1). Thickness

TOROK FORMATION (Lower Cretaceous) -- Dark-gray, laminated and crosslaminated, silty clay shale and siltstone, with thin limestone interbeds and abundant marcasite nodules; minor very fine grained sandstone. Marine. More than 130 m thick

FORTRESS MOUNTAIN FORMATION (Lower Cretaceous) -- Cyclic units of polymictic conglomerate, lithic wacke, siltstone and shale; rocks in upper cycles generally finer grained and thinner bedded than those in lower cycles. Conglomerate composed of well-rounded cobbles to granules of black, gray and green chert, and minor white quartz, quartzite, limestone and igneous rock; massive to medium bedded. Lithic wacke, dusky yellow green to dark-gray; coarse to fine grained; massive to thin bedded. Siltstone and shale dark gray. Carbonized plant debris common throughout. Marine and nonmarine. Early Cretaceous (Albian) pelecypods (see Table 1). Thickness 1,300 m OKPIKRUAK FORMATION (Lower Cretaceous) -- Siltstone and shale in lower part grading into rhythmically-bedded dark gray siltstone, graywacke and minor conglomeratic beds in upper part. Thin limestone beds and concretions locally abundant; polished chert pebbles locally in shale in northern outcrops; coquina bed near base. Marine. Early Cretaceous (Valanginian) pelecypods (Buchia sp.) in coquina near base of formation; indeterminate bivalves and pelecypods in higher parts of formation (see Table 1). Thickness more than 600 m

Sandstone and shale member -- Tan; fine grained; medium bedded, quartz wacke beds interbedded with shale locally in lower part-

KONGAKUT FORMATION (Lower Cretaceous) -- Dark gray to black, manganiferous shale and siltstone with interbeds of fine-grained dark graywacke; nodules and lenticular beds of red-weathering clay ironstone; polished black chert pebbles in lower part. Marine. Early Cretaceous (Neocomian) pelecypods. (see Table 1). Thickness more than 300 m. Lateral (northern) equivalent of Okpikruak Formation OKPIKRUAK FORMATION, KONGAKUT FORMATION, AND KINGAK SHALE, UNDIVIDED (Lower Cretaceous and Jurassic) -- Includes a small outcrop of black siltstone and mudstone near Lupine River containing pelecypods of Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous(?) age, and rocks in a complex fault zone on Atigun River including Lower Jurassic Kingak Shale and graywacke and coquina beds of the Okpikruak Formation

KINGAK SHALE (Jurassic) -- Dark gray, gun-metal blue weathering; hard siltstone with shale interbeds; abundant nodules of clay ironstone and marcasite. Southwest of Ribdon River consists only of a local unit of black organic clay shale that is too thin to map. This unit is included in undivided Jurassic and Cretaceous rocks (KJok) on Atigun River, but may also be present in some poorly exposed areas mapped either as Kongakut or Okpikruak Formations. Marine. Middle and Late Jurassic ammonites and pelecypods in northeastern part of unit; Early Jurassic pelecypods in southwest (see Table 1). Thickness about 370 m in northeast; 30 m or less in southwestern part of

SHIBLIK FORMATION (Upper, Middle, and Lower Triassic) -- Upper part: dark gray to black, calcareous, phosphatic siltstone and shale, with thin gray limestone interbeds; varicolored chert beds present locally southwest of Accomplishment Creek; limestone concretions locally limestone concretions and laminated silty limestone beds. Lower part probably absent northeast of Accomplishment Creek. Marine. Late Triassic pelecypods and ammonites, and Middle Triassic pelecypods in upper part; Early Triassic pelecypods in lower part (see Table 1). Thickness about 30 to 150 m

SADLEROCHIT GROUP (Lower Triassic and Permian) -- Composed of Ivishak Formation (Lower Triassic) and Echooka Formation (Permian), which are not shown separately on this map. For graphic logs of twelve measured sections of Sadlerochit Group in this quadrangle see Detterman (1976). Ivishak Formation -- Laminated gray siltstone and shale in upper third; massive, fine-grained quartz arenite in middle third; gray laminated shale and siltstone with abundant limestone nodules and concretions, and locally with barite nodules in lower third. Marine. Early Triassic ammonites and pelecypods (see Table 1). Thickness about 550 to 720 m in the north, about 170 m in the south

Echooka Formation -- Calcareous siltstone and shale; local thick units of thin- to medium-bedded limestone; siliceous siltstone and massive guartz arenite beds in upper part. Marine. Early Permian brachiopods; early Late Permian brachiopods locally northeast of Lupine River (see Table 1). Thickness about 110 m to 260 m SIKSIKPUK FORMATION (Lower Permian) -- Black shale and argillite, green

and red pyritic slate and argillite, and pale gray fissile siliceous siltstone that weathers orange; barite nodules. Recognized only south of Continental Divide in T. 14 S., R. 22 E., and T. 15 S., R. 21 E. Marine. No fossils found. Incomplete thickness preserved, about 70 m LISBURNE GROUP, UNDIVIDED (Pennsylvanian and Mississippian) -- Gray

limestone and dolomite, shaley limestone, nodular chert. Marine. About 700 to 1,000 m thick. For measured sections in and near this quadrangle see Bowsher and Dutro (1949); Armstrong and others (1970); Brosge and others (1962); Armstrong and Mamet (1977 [1978]); Armstrong and Mamet (in press). In those sections Lisburne is divided formally into Wachsmuth Limestone (Lower and Upper Mississippian), Alapah Limestone (Upper Mississippian) and Wahoo Limestone (Upper Mississippian, Lower and Middle Pennsylvanian). Wachsmuth Limestone very thin to absent north of Ribdon River; Wahoo Limestone probably absent south of a line from T. 13 S., R. 9 E. to T. 10 S., R. 22 E. In reconnaissance mapping of this quadrangle, Lisburne Group is divided informally into upper and lower parts, mainly on the basis of dominant weathering color. Wachsmuth Limestone is mapped separately only near Itkillik

Upper part of Lisburne Group -- Includes upper part of Alapah Limestone and Wahoo Limestone. Generally weathers light to medium gray. Mostly dark to medium gray, fine- to medium-grained limestone and dolomite, and black to light-gray nodular chert, with much silicified limestone. In Itkillik Lake-Galbraith Lake area, a marker zone of black dolomite and chert occurs near middle of unit. Upper 100-200 m commonly includes much white-weathering coarse-grained and very fine grained limestone, light gray nodular chert, some orange-weathering pyritic limestone, and locally a few tiny crystals and veinlets of fluorite. Top bed commonly black massive chert. Bottom contact indefinite and variable. Marine. Late Mississippian corals and brachiopods, Pennsylvanian brachiopods, and, in upper 30 m near Galbraith Lake, brachiopods that may be Early Permian (see Table 1) Late Mississippian (Chesterian) and Early Pennsylvanian foraminifera common; Late Mississippian (Meramecian) foraminifera near base in northwesternmost outcrops; Late Mississippian (Chesterian) to Middle Pennsylvanian foraminifera in interval near Galbraith Lake that contains the Early Permian(?) brachiopods. (Armstrong and others, 1970; K. J. Bird, written communs., 1977, 1978). Thickness about 200 to

Lower part of Lisburne Group -- Includes lower part of Alapah Limestone, and, south of Ribdon River, also includes Wachsmuth Limestone. Generally weathers dark to medium gray. Mostly dark gray fine- to medium-grained limestone and dolomite, with much thin-bedded to shaley limestone, abundant black nodular chert, and much silicified limestone. Light gray weathering dolomite and coarse-grained limestone locally in lower part. Marine. Late Mississippian brachiopods and corals, and also, in southern half of quadrangle, Early Mississippian brachiopods (see Table 1); Late Mississippian (Meramecian and Chesterian?) foraminifera (K. J. Bird, written communs., 1977, 1978); Armstrong and others, 1970). Thickness about 300 to 500 m or more

WACHSMUTH LIMESTONE (Upper and Lower Mississippian) -- Bioclastic limestone, dolomite and dolomitic limestone, black nodular chert; in lower part much argillaceous and shaley limestone and minor shale. Differentiated only where mapped by Bowsher and Dutro (1949) near Itkillik Lake. Marine. Late Mississippian (Meramecian) and Early Mississippian (Osagean) foraminifera (Armstrong and others (1970). Thickness

about 260 to 670 m

KAYAK SHALE (Mississippian) -- Mostly black, fissile clay shale and silty shale, in part rusty-weathering, with small ironstone nodules; interbedded with orange-weathering siltstone in southern half of quadrangle. Fossiliferous limestone in lenses and in beds as much as 10 m thick, abundant in upper part; is generally dark gray, argillaceous or shaley; weathers yellow, orange, or olive, and locally contains nodular black chert. Thin beds and lenses of gray and brown, irregularly bedded fine- to medium-grained, impure, partly worm-burrowed sandstone near base. Basal rusty-weathering quartzite locally in southeastern corner of quadrangle. Rests with apparent conformity on Kanayut Conglomerate in most of quadrangle, and with probable unconformity on Hunt Fork Shale and older rocks in southeastern corner of quadrangle. Marine. Early Mississippian brachiopods and plants (see Table 1); Late Mississippian (Meramecian) foraminifera in northern half of quadrangle (K. J. Bird, written commun., 1977). Generally about 250 to 350 m thick; about 100 m thick in southeastern part of quadrangle

Shale and sandstone member -- Distinguished from the rest of the Kayak Shale by more abundant sandstone and hard, silica-cemented quartzite and by less abundant limestone. Mostly black and orange weathering, partly micaceous clay and silty shale and nodular ironstone interbedded with as much as 25 percent black and orange-weathering, locally carbonaceous, siltstone and 10 to 25 percent argillaceous finegrained, thin-bedded to shaley sandstone and gray, fine- to mediumgrained, thin- to thick-bedded quartzite. Rare lenses of orangeweathering fossiliferous limestone. Carbonized plant fragments in shale and siltstone. Marine and possibly nonmarine. Early Mississippian brachiopods and Mississippian(?) plants (see Table 1). About 350 m thick. Probably consists mostly of lower part of formation. As mapped, may include some infolded quartzite beds of Kanayut

KANAYUT CONGLOMERATE (Upper Devonian) -- Divided into:

Stuver Member -- Mostly shale, shaley siltstone and thin-bedded sandstone and quartzite; minor conglomerate. Shale and siltstone, micaceous; red, green, brown, and black. Sandstone, ferruginous, micaceous, shaley, and fine grained. Quartzite, firmly cemented by silica, is gray, greenish gray or hematitic; mostly thin to medium bedded, partly crossbedded; fine to medium grained. Conglomerate and conglomeratic quartzite of chert and quartz pebbles occur locally at base of fining-upward cycles of quartzite and sandstone. Member weathers to dark brown and crange slopes in western half of quadrangle; red shale more conspicuous in eastern half. Nonmarine. Unidentified plant fragments in black shale. As much as 500 m thick; locally absent Middle conglomerate member -- Mostly gray- to rusty orange-weathering

conglomerate, quartzite, and sandstone in cliff-forming units about

10 to 70 m thick, separated by less resistant units of shale, siltstone and impure sandstone. Conglomerate pebbles mostly of varicolored chert and white quartz, with minor amounts of quartzite, and, in southernmost part of quadrangle, with abundant slate pebbles. Near south edge of quadrangle, pebbles are stretched. Quartz-chert arenite forms matrix of conglomerate and also occurs in thin to massive, partly crossbedded nonconglomeratic beds that are generally gray quartzite, firmly cemented by silica, but include some brown-weathering beds and irregular patches that are partly cemented by calcite. Quartzite locally contains about 1 percent fresh plagioclase grains. Pyrite and hematice disseminated in matrix of conglomerate are common along and south of Continental Divide; pyrite locally concentrated on bedding planes and in plant fragments. Quartzite locally sericitized. Interbedded units of less resistant rocks are composed generally of red and green locally manganiferous shale; dark red, grayish green, yellow, and gray thin-bedded fine-grained ferruginous sandstone and siltstone; and minor amounts of black shale and siltstone; in southern Your Creek area less resistant rocks are mostly black slate. In northern part of area proportion of resistant beds in the member decreases downward to about 40 percent in lower part, and contact with underlying lower shale member is gradational. In southern part of area, member rests directly on sandstone member or on Hunt Fork Shale. Almost entirely nonmarine; some fossiliferous marine beds near base in southern part of area. Unidentifiable coaly plant fragments common in shale, fine-grained sandstone and conglomerate. Late Devonian (Famennian) brachiopods and unidentified clams locally in lower part (see Table 1). Estimated thickness about 500 to 700 m in north; about 300 to 500 m ir south. Includes:

Massive marker bed -- Conglomerate and coarse-grained sandstone

about 200 m thick

Lower shale member -- Mostly (60 to 80 percent) red, grayish green and manganiferous brown shale containing thin beds of brown and grayishgreen ferruginous sandstone. Proportion of shale increases downward through member. Interbedded units of more resistant rock about 2 to 20 m thick are typically fining-upward sequences of gray and brown granule or pebble conglomerate, gray conglomeratic quartzite and gray or brown than- to medium-bedded limonitic sandstone; partly calcareous; partly crossbedded. Local black shale with coal. Upper part forms red slopes banded with gray cliff-forming beds; lower part forms brown and red slopes. Nonmarine. Unidentified plant fossils in sandstone and shale. Estimated thickness in northern part of map area about 8)0 m; absent in southern part. Probably grades laterally into northerm facies of sandstone member near Itkillik River

Sandstone member -- Generally brown and gray weathering, thin, tabularbedded, slightly calcareous limonitic sandstone, interbedded with black shale and ronstone. Some gray quartzite; conglomeratic sandstone rare. Ferruginous lenses of chert and ironstone pebbles and snail and brachiopod shells at several localities; one 15-cm bed of argillaceous limestone. Rare plant fragments. Generally forms slopes that weather brown and orange. In outcrops near Itkillik River at and north of latitude 68° 15', sandstone mostly light gray, limonitic, partly calcareous; thin to thick bedded; white quartzite d white conglomerate of granules and small pebbles common at bas of fining-upward sequences; shale grayish green, brown, red, and gray, with irons:one concretions. Rare plant fragments. Forms buff and white slopes. Marine in most of mapped area; probably marine and nonmarine in northwest part. Late Devonian (Famennian and Frasnian) brachippods common except in northwest (see Table 1). Estimated thickness about 400 to 600 m near Itkillik River, about 300 m near south edge of quadrangle; absent in parts of area; apparently pinches out soutleastward, and grades northeastward into lower shale

Stuver Member, middle conglomerate member and lower shale member, undivided -- Quartzite and conglomerate, partly rusty weathering, abundant red shale

HUNT FORK SHALE (Upper Devonian). Divided into:

Wacke member -- Mostly (50 to 80 percent) grayish green, brown, and black micaceous manganiferous clay shale and shaley siltstone. Interbedded thin- to medium-bedded, fine- to medium-grained, limonitic quartzitic quartz-chert wacke that weathers orange and brown, green fine-grained wacke, and minor amounts of gray quartzite and calcareous sandstone. Wacke composed of fragments of quartz, chert, muscovite and biotite schist, and minor amounts of plagioclase feldspar. Ferruginous lenses contain brachiopod coquina and pebbles of chert and shale and ironstone. Plant fragments common. Some load casts and worm burrows. Weathers to brown and greenish gray slopes. Marine. Late Devonian (Famennian) brachiopods common (see Table 1) Estimated thickness about 500 to 700 m in northern part of area; absent in south. Rests on shale member of Hunt Fork. Locally rests on limestone member of unnamed unit of brown calcareous clastic rocks near middle of quadrangle, and apparently rests on older wacke of unnamed unit in eastern part.

Shale member -- Dark-gray to medium-gray, fissile, laminated clay shale and slate, silt, shale and slate, and micaceous siltstone; few ironstone concretions; weathers black to brown; locally pyritic and weathers rusty. Interbedded with as much as 25 percent brown-weathering, thin-bedded fine-grained, partly calcareous sandstone and grayto orange-weathering, thin- to thick-bedded, fine- to medium-grained sandstone, including both quartz-chert arenite and quartz-chert wacke; sandstone schistose in southern part of area. Minor thin beds of ferruginous, argillaceous, fossiliferous limestone. Cyclic depositional pattern evident, with siltstone grading upward into shale; limestone in upper parts of some cycles; cycles 60 to 150 m thick. Thicker limestone beds and persistent zones of calcareous sandstone mapped separately as limestone member and calcareous sandstone member. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods and corals (see Table 1). Estimated thickness from 500 m near south edge of quadrangle to more than 700 m to the north. Contacts with overlying and underlying Upper Devonian clastic rocks probably gradational

Limestone member - Dark-gray limestone, that weathers yellow, brown, and gray; thin to medium bedded or nodular; algal lumps common. Commonly argillaceous and locally interbedded with black shale; arenaceous near Dietr ch River. Commonly includes some orange-weathering partly calcareous siltstone and fine-grained sandstone above or below the limestone. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods and corals (see Table 1). Member composed of lenticular beds about one to 15 m thick that occur mostly in a persistent zone as much as 50 m thick about 200 to 300 m below top of Hunt Fork Shale. Pinches out laterally into calcareous sandstone

Calcareous sandstone member -- Sandstone and shale that weather light brown and orange Sandstone mostly thin bedded, very fine to fine grained, partly to highly calcareous; minor amounts of noncalcareous medium- to thick-bedded, fine- to medium-grained sandstone. Clay shale and shaley siltstone dark-gray to grayish-green, locally manganiferous; contain thin beds of orange-weathering limestone at one locality. Plant fragments at one locality. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brach opods common (see Table 1). Thickness probably less than 300 m. Grades laterally into limestone member of Hunt Fork Shale in western part of quadrangle; probably grades into wacke and limestone member, of unnamed unit of brown calcareous clastic rocks in

Quartzite member - Fine-grained quartzite that weathers dark gray to rusty orange, and some calcareous sandstone; interbedded with black slate and siltstone. Probably marine. No fossils found. Estimated thickness 150 to 200 m. Structural and stratigraphic position uncertain; appears to have some normal stratigraphic contacts with both Hunt Fork Shale and brown shale member of unnamed unit beneath Hunt

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#### FOLIO OF THE PHILIP SMITH MOUNTAINS QUADRANGLE, ALASKA MISCELLANEOUS FIELD STUDIES MAP MF - 879B

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are mostly sandstone member

SANDSTONE MEMBER OF KANAYUT CONGLOMERATE AND WACKE MEMBER OF HUNT FORK SHALE, UNDIVIDED -- Forms brown and dark gray shaley slopes and cliffs. Beds in western part strike into wacke member; those in eastern part

 $\star$  UNNAMED BROWN CALCAREOUS CLASTIC ROCKS (Upper Devonian). Divided into: Wacke member -- Sandstone and shale that weather brown and orange. Sandstone mostly limonitic, thin-bedded, calcareous and noncalcareous, micaceous, fine-grained, quartz-chert wacke; some gray quartzite and very fine grained shaley sandstone. Clay shale and shaley siltstone brown, grayish green, and black, manganiferous, micaceous. Local calcareous conglomerate and black siliceous siltstone. Weathers to brown smooth slopes. Apparently contains less green shale and siltstone, and more calcareous sandstone than wacke member of Hunt Fork Shale. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods and corals (see Table 1). Thickness uncertain; more than 200 m thick in eastern part of quadrangle; absent in western and southern parts Probably grades laterally into calcareous sandstone member of Hunt Fork Shale, and vertically into wacke member of Hunt Fork Shale

Brown shale member -- Mostly light-brown and orange-weathering partly calcareous gray and greenish-gray shale, slate and shaley micaceous siltstone, and dark-gray and rusty-weathering noncalcareous black shale and slate; ironstone and siltstone concretions common. Interbedded brown-weathering, partly calcareous, thin-bedded, fine-grained, micaceous sandstone and brown and gray, thin- to medium-bedded micaceous, fine-grained quartzite, including both quartz-chert arenite and wacke. Contains lenses or beds of conglomerate of chert, quartz and shale pebbles. Few thin beds and lenses of fossiliferous limestone. Forms light-brown and yellow slopes. Distinguished from shale member of Hunt Fork Shale by brown-weathering color and common occurrence of slightly calcareous shale. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods and corals (see Table 1). Probably as much as 300 m thick; locally absent. Grades laterally into brown sandstone, shale and limestone member, and probably grades laterally and vertically into Hunt Fork Shale

Limestone member -- Gray-weathering dark-gray limestone, commonly fetid or carbonaceous; commonly overlain, underlain or interbedded with brown- and orange-weathering argillaceous or shaley limestone and minor amounts of brown sandstone. Abundant corals and stromatoporoids. Marine, Late Devonian (Frasnian) corals and brachiopods (see Table 1). Mounds, lenses and beds usually 10 to 20 m thick, as much as 100 m thick

Brown sandstone, shale, and limestone member -- Highly variable sequence of interbedded shale, sandstone, limestone and conglomerate. Upper part mostly brown, gray and black shale and siltstone interbedded with as much as 20 percent brown-weathering sandstone, limestone units 2 to 20 m thick, and local beds of chert and slatepebble conglomerate; typically in cyclic sequences about 100 m thick composed of calcareous sandstone with local basal conglomerate, grading up through siltstone and shale to massive coral-stromatoporoid reefs capped by brown-weathering silty coquinoid limestone. Thicker units of limestone mapped separately as parts of limestone member. Lower part commonly includes yellow- and orange-weathering, thinbedded, laminated black fine-grained limestone with shale partings, interbedded with black shale and slate and with calcareous and noncalcareous conglomerate composed of chert, slate and some quartz pebbles; locally includes brown-weathering calcareous shale and very thin bedded calcareous fine-grained quartz-chert wacke, and grayish green, manganiferous shale, argillite and fine-grained wacke. Rocks sheared, schistose and slatey in much of area. Marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods and corals (see Table 1). As much as 600

m thick; locally absent; grades laterally into brown shale member Conglomerate member -- Maroon, purple, green, and gray conglomerate composed of chert, slate, limestone, and quartz pebbles; maroon, green, and greenish-gray argillite, slate and phyllite, locally calcareous; black siltstone and gray micaceous siltstone. At one locality includes more than 100 m of black, hematitic conglomeratic limestone containing granules of quartz, chert and phosphatic siltstone. Probably marine. Late Devonian (Frasnian) brachiopods in the conglomeratic limestone (see Table 1). Present only locally; as much as 250

WACKE MEMBER OF HUNT FORK SHALE AND WACKE MEMBER OF UNNAMED BROWN CALCAREOUS CLASTIC ROCKS, UNDIVIDED -- Contains Late Devonian (Frasnian and Fammenian) brachiopods (see Table 1)

SKAJIT LIMESTONE (Upper Devonian and Silurian) -- Gray-weathering, lightto dark-gray limestone and dolomite, mostly recrystallized or with slatev cleavage; rare chert nodules. In southeast part of quadrangle top beds partly replaced by massive or brecciated black recrystallized hert in discontinuous layer 1 to 10 m thick that commonly contains pyrite and other sulfides. Marine. Middle(?) Devonian pelecypods and Late(?) Silurian brachiopods (see Table 1). Estimated thickness at least 600 m; base not exposed

MAFIC ROCKS (Jurassic? to Devonian) -- Orange- and dark-green-weathering clinopyroxene gabbro and diabase, commonly altered to calcitic greenstone; commonly schistose near margins. Occur in bodies 1 to 100 m thick, some with fine-grained chilled margins, or in contact with hornfels in the adjacent slate. Most layers probably sills; some may be flows. K-Ar age of 363 ± 11 m.y. (M. L. Silberman, written commun. 1977) determined for albite in sill north of Middle Fork of Chandalar River (S. 24, T. 13 S., R. 18 E.)

VOLCANIC ROCKS (Mississippian) -- Sill of chloritized andesite and diorite, composed of andesine, chlorite, actinolite, calcite (see Keller, Morris, and Detterman, 1961). Crops out only in north part of quadrangle. Correlated with dikes, sills, and andesitic flow and tuff in Mississippian part of Lisburne Group about 10 km farther north.

VOLCANIC ROCKS (Devonian) -- Pillow basalt, amygadaloidal basalt, and basalt capped by tuffaceous limestone; commonly schistose and altered to calcitic greenstone; may in part have been olivine basalt. Flows, about 10 to 80 m thick, intertongue with lower part of Hunt Fork Shale (Upper Devonian) and with unnamed brown calcareous clastic rocks (Upper Devonian)

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GEOLOGIC SYMBOLS Contact - Dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; includes some faults

dotted and dashed where inferred from aerial photographs. Probably Fault - U, upthrown side; D, downthrown side. Dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; queried where doubtful; dotted and dashed where inferred from aerial photographs

> Thrust fault - Sawteeth on upper plate. Dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; dotted and dashed where inferred from aerial photographs Anticline - Approximately located. Showing crestline and direction of

Overturned anticline - Approximately located. Showing direction of dip of limbs and plunge

Syncline - Approximately located. Showing troughline and direction of Overturned syncline - Approximately located. Showing direction of dip

Strike and dip of beds Inclined Horizontal Estimated strike and dip Estimated strike and direction of dip

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